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1. NPDES permit fee

Effective July 1, 2006, facilities needing permit coverage under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) will be required to submit permit application fees and annual fees according to HF2540 which was signed into law by Governor Vilsack on May 31, 2006.

Details of the fee structure are listed below:

- *NPDES permit application fee of \$85 due at the time of application
- *Individual (not general) storm water NPDES permit application fee of \$100 due at the time of application
- *Construction permit application fee of \$100 due at the time of application
- *annual fees:
- ** major municipal facilities: \$1,275/year
- ** minor municipal facilities: \$210/year
- ** semi-public facilities: \$350/year
- ** major industrial facilities: \$3,400/year
- ** minor industrial facilities: \$300/year
- ** operation permit (no discharge): \$175/year
- ** open feedlot: \$340/year
- ** Coverage under NPDES general permit #5 (mining and processing): \$125 for one year, \$300 for three years, \$400 for four years and \$500 for five years.

Permit types such as municipal vs. industrial, major vs. minor, are listed on facilities' NPDES permits.

The Department of Natural Resources will seek Environmental Protection Commission's approval at its June 19, 2006 meeting to adopt final rules to implement the fees.

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